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NEBRASKA'S HAMMER.

It Will Be Used to Drive the Last Nail in the Woman's Building.

The design for that much-talked-of hammer'with which Mrs. Potter Palmer is to drive the last nail in the Woman's building at the Chicago world's fair grounds has been fixed upon. To determine what the hammer should be like has been the work of many months by the women of Nebraska, but they have succeeded at last and the precious implement is being executed by an Omana jeweler.

No hammer of the like of this one has ever pounded a nail. The handle will



HAMMER PROVIDED BY NEBRASKA WOMEN.

alternating and encircled by a broad find some justification in the eyes of changes from dampness to dryness, head of the hammer will be of solid ful natural scenery, which we possess silver. On the face of the head will be in abundance, lacks that charm of asthe seal of Nebraska in gold relief. Draping the hammer and handle will bling stones of old cathedrals, old be the flag of the union wrought in castles and other of the works of men gold. For each state in the union there who themselves have long since moldwill be a diamond star, and the flag- ered into dust and of their own bodies staff will be of pearl, surmounted by a contributed to the sustenance of the ivy golden cagle.

The idea of the hammer originated reared some centuries ago. after the women of Montana had prosilver and copper, the most prominent to the south of the River Eamont. It native minerals of the state. The head was, no doubt, in the days of its glory and valleys, as well as the sky. To the Eamont is seen in the middle properly represent these features dia- distance, and the view is completed by

hammer idea. Last come the women of colorado. They did not want to fail in over the inner gateway was adorned the woman's building, so they will pre- now ruinous. sent the casket in which the hammer and nail are to be kept. This casket

GEN. OBRUTSCHEFF.

Artaics of Russia.

has the reputation of being an able tac-tician. He graduated under Nepokoit- hereditary without limitation to the chitsky, who was chief of staff in the male sex, as was also the office of war of 1877. Nepokoitchitsky was resonsible for some bad blunders in the war, especially the failures around Plevna, in which the Russians suffered severely. Gen. Obrutscheif has testified to his admiration of the French by



SEN. OBBUTSCHEFF.

marrying a French woman, and he is one of the most enthusiastic advocates of a Franco-Russian alliance. He is also an ardent Pan-Slavist and a bitter foe of everything German. He is about sixty-five years of age and so fleshy that he cannot sit in a saddle and even walks with difficulty.

Jay-Eye-See's Latest Triumph.

Jay-Eye-See, trotting 2:10 and pacing \$:05M, holds the record for combination going away off. The bay mare Minnie R., who in 1882 made a trotting record of 2:19, was set to pacing in 1884 by John Splan and made a record at that gait of 2:1614 the same year. Soon afterward Ben Star, twotting record in a neighboring mill dam.

There is a tradition, not, however. Belle, was changed to a pacer, and he took a record of 2:19% at that gain. Then the trotter Kinsman, 2:231, was converted and made a pacing record of cadia" at Brougham castle. Words

When Buby was sick, we gave her Castoria, When size was a Child, she cried for Castoria. When she became Miss, she clong to Castoria. when she had Children, she gave them Castoria.



IT TURNED HIS HEAD COMPLETELY

HE THOUGHT HE WAS THE CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS OF TARIFF REFORM.

BROUGHAM CASTLE.

One of the Most Picturesque Ruins in England.

It is the Pride of Westmoreland and Has Played Quite a Part in British Hison Lord Clitton.

The standing reproach of this country in the eyes of Europeans, that we be composed of light and dark woods have not yet achieved any ruins, may sociation which belongs to the crumwhich drapes the walls they proudly

There is hardly a more picturesque posed a design for the last nail. This ruin in all England than Brougham last nail is to be manufactured of gold, castle in the county of Westmoreland, of the nail will consist of a representatione of the strongest and most importion of the seal of the state. This seal tant of the border fortresses. Viewed happens to contain mountain, rivers from the west the bridge that crosses onds and sapphires will be used. Mrs. a faraway glimpse of part of the Pen-Eliza J. Rickards is the originator of nine chain. The main entrance to the he nail idea.

After the nail story had been circuouter gateway, surmounted by a tower, lated the Nebraska women took up the which led to an inner gateway also surdoing something on the line of finishing with turrets and hanging galleries, all

Brougham castle first comes into notice in the time of King John, when we will be a miniature model in precious find that it is one of the possessions of James Saxton, an influential citizen Robert Veteripont, or Vetripont, whose grandfather came over with William the Conqueror. Robert Veteripont was a The Man Who Is in Command of the favorite of King John, who, giving him possessions in Westmoreland, created Gen, Obrutscheff, now in command of him a baron and sheriff of Westmore the Russian armies, was, previous to his land. Veteripont's estates, which inpresent appointment, chief of staff. He cluded the castles of Brougham, Brough,



way the inscription: "Thys Made Rog-Pembroke, referring to this inscription. says that the words "are severally interpreted, for some think he meant it because he built that and a great part of the said eastle, and also the great it because he was made in his fortune by his marriage with Isabella Vetripont, by whom he became possessor of this castle and lands." The inscription is still to be seen, but instead of being in its original position-over the inner gateway-it is now to be found over the onter gute, where it was fixed about half a century ago. For a long time the stone was lost to sight, but was found

founded on very reliable, records, that Marylebone, England. The singing is Sir Philip Sidney wrote part of his "Arworth has made it the scene of one of his poems, depicting the festivities on the restoration of the "shepherd lord," Henry, Lord Clifton.

The Power of the Sirocco.

Attention has lately been directed by scientific writers to the fact that the shapes of permanent hills are altered, been bald for seventeen years until sometimes to a considerable extent, by the blowing of the wind against them, this being especially true in those cases. Since that time "hair has been growing, league has been disbanded. where the hills are partly composed of on the bald portion of his head, and he | Baltimore has signed Pitcher Kling, some form of rock that readily disin- now has a good growth of hair."

tegrates under the influence of the weather; that is, the crumbling rock is blown away, leaving the more solid rocks behind, and often in curious forms. It is well known that the famous strocco, or the southeasterly wind, that blows across the Mediterranean sea from Africa, has been largely influential in shaping and molding hills and valleys. It is asserted, too, that an extensive bay on the east coast of the island of Multa owes its origin and extent to the agency of the sirocco, which blows directly into it. The rapid band of gold on which will be engraved: Americans who are "doing" the sights characteristic of the sirocco, and the "From the Women of Nebraska" The on the other side of the water. Beauti- crystallization of the salt it deposits upon the rocks, are reckoned among the wers of destruction possessed by this

One of the most curious stones in the world is found in Finland, where it ocours in many places. It is a natural barometer, and actually foretells probable changes in the weather. It is called semakuir, and turns black shortly before an approaching rain, while in fine weather it is mottled with spots of white. For a long time this curious phenomenon was a mystery, but an analysis of the stone shows it to be a mixed with clay and containing a portion of rock salt and niter. fact being known, the explanation was easy. The salt absorbing the moisture turned black when the conditions were favorable for rain, while the dryness of the atmosphere brought out the salt from the interior of the stone in white

AN AMIABLE WOMAN. The Invalid Wife of Gov. McKinley,

Ohio. In the staid Dutch commercial town of Canton, O., the wife of the author of the McKinley bill was a noted belle in and publisher of the Canton Repository, Mrs. William H. McKinley, says Demorest's Magazine, was active in social affairs until after the birth of two children, now deceased; since then she has been afflicted with a nervous disorder, and is an invalid. The devotion of Gov. McKinley to his lovely wife has all the delicacy and ardor of the lover.



MRS. WILLIAM H. M'KINLEY.

Unable to participate in Washington sheriff; and it may be noted that some gayeties while her husband was in conof his female descendants asserted the gress, Mrs. McKinley, from her pleasright to act as sheriff. In the course of ant chambers opposite the capitol, folime the eastle came into the possession lowed with the eyes of love the maturof the Clifford family. Roger, Lord ing of her husband's labor. Seated in Clifford, made large additions to the an invalid chair, she assists the govfortress and placed over the inner gate- ernor in the social levees he holds in the suite of rooms they have taken for the Lady Anne Clifford, countess of gubernatorial term at Columbus.

Still Young Enough.

A pretty incident is reported of royal lovers, the king and queen of Italy. Early in the season Queen Margherite tower there; and some think he meant asked her royal consort for his opinion as to whether she was still young enough to wear her favorite costume of white muslin. He replied: "This is a matter which requires reflection." Two weeks later came the king's reply in the shape of a box of beautiful white gowns, which he had ordered for his wife from Paris.

A Choir of Women. A choir of women wearing cassocks, surplices and mortar-board caps has

been introduced at St James' church,

said to be extremely good. Subber Reels for Marching

Rubber heels for marching have been introduced by a French army surgeon. The infantry have tried them with good

Not Enough Hair to Go Around. about a month ago, when he had the hair on the sides of his head cut.

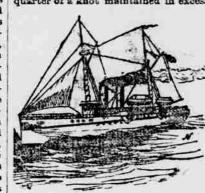
A Worthy Addition to the United States Navy.

Just Launched at the City Point Works from Her Consorts, the Detroit

The Marblehead is the third and last of the 2,000-ton steel cruisers authorized by the act of congress of September 7, 1888. The first of these three "secondclass, partially-protected cruisers," the Detroit, was launched at Baltimore on October 28 last year. The second one put into the water was the Montgomery, at Baltimore, on December 5 following. The longer time to get the Marblehead ready to go into the water was due to the fact that she was not begun so soon as the others, and also to the suspension of the firm of Harrison Loring, the contractors, and the consequent delay in the appointment of assignees, who have since carried on the work of the government at that estab-

It will be observed that contrary to the practice, as followed in the larger cruisers, of dispensing with masts and sails for auxiliary power, the Marblesult in a saving of a part of the heavy coal bills, inasmuch as when going from port to port alone, and when there is no special need of hurry, she may others who are known to carry knives proceed under sail. In addition to the in their boots. sails shown, when not under steam, she could carry a large staysail-a sail between the fore and main masts. She each fireroom, a set of boilers being in ideas of salary.

The principal dimensions of the cruiser are: Lengthson water line, 257 displacement, 2,000 tons; maximum the one agreed upon is contained in the contract, in which the government has promised a premium of \$35,000 for each quarter of a knot maintained in excess



of the speed guaranteed at the final side. four-hours' steam trial; and for each quarter of a knot that she falls below seventeen knots, a penalty of the same amount will be exacted from the builders. There are also penalties for delays in completing the vessel at the time specified, providing such delays champion middleweight, together in a are not the fault of the navy department; also for overweight in machinery. The motive power is provided by

triple expansion engines, of the vertical, inverted type, one on each side of the vessel and connected with each of the twin screws. They may be run at a maximum speed of 185 revolutions a minute. Below the steel protection deck, in water-tight compartments, are three double-ended main boilers, and two auxiliary boilers for working the heating, ventilating, pumping and a bunker capacity for 435 tons of coal. which may be so distributed as to secure the best possible protection to engines and boilers. The vessel has no armor plating, so defined, but her protective deck, which starts at a point below the water line at the sides, curves upward amidships, and is eleven-sixteenths of an inch thick on the slopes, nine-sixteenths on the level over the machinery and slightly thinner at the ends. This dock is intended to give protection to the machinery, magazines and steering-gear against the fire from machine guns. The conning tower is constructed of two-inch mild steel.

The battery will consist of two 6 inch breech-loading rifles, one mounted forward on the forecastle and the other aft on the poop-deck, the crews being protected from the enemy's fire by steel shields so inclined that the shot striking them will be deflected; eight 5-inch breech-loading rifles mounted in sponsons, four on each side of the ship; six 6-pounder and two 1-pounder rapid firing guns and two Gatling guns. Among the povel features of the vessel are coffer-dams extending nearly the entire length of the ship on each side of the water-tight deck. These will be filled with cellulose, a water-excluding material manufactured from the fiber of the coccanut. The particular value of this material lies in its tendency, in fact its ability, to close holes pierced by shot from the guns of an enemy. The quarters for ward-room and junior officers and the crew will be well fitted

The Mississippl's Mouths

When the jetties were built the other passes or mouths of the Mississippi river were not closed, says the New Orleans Picayune. On the contrary, they are all there, just as many of them as there have ever been in the historic period. The jetties were placed in the south pass when it was only 8 feet Now it is more than 20 feet deep, deep. giving free passage to the largest class of ships. Southwest pass, which was formerly the chief channel of navigation and had to be dredged daily to secure an extreme depth of 18 or 19 feet, is now entirely neglected as a route for commerce, but as an outlet for the river water it is doing its duty, as are all the other passes.

But Young Men Know It All. A man's full mental power is not reached before the age of 25, and the development of talent is most marked between the ages of 30 and 45 years.

BASEBALL NOTES.

Washington has had 20 players on its rolls thus far Norman Baker is pitching out at New Hampton, Ia. Charley Getzein is playing in the Chi-

cago City league. Mark Baldwin is booked for release by the Pittsburgh club. The Pennsylvania State Baseball

late of the Rockford club.

THE NEW MARBLEHEAD. YOU NEED NOT FEAR

Comiskey wants Cliff Carroll, but Von der Ahe will not release him. Kuehne, the third baseman released by Louisville, has signed with Atlanta. The wrecked Illinois-Iowa league is

furnishing some good material for the national organization. It is probable that the Rockford (III.) club will disband, as there is now no incentive to continue the season.

Mahoney, Cincinnati's new catcher, is from the Joliet club. Other men will be added to the team shortly, it is said. Tom Burns, the ex-Chicago third baseman and Pittsburgh manager, has been appointed on the staff of league

William Kling, Rockford's crack pitcher, has joined the Baltimore club. He will finish the season in the national

The players who have faced him say that with a good catcher to coach him head has two masts and is to have the young Abbey, of the Washingtons, rig of a schooner. This rig will re- would develop into a wonder. Hawley, Von der Ahe's Texas pitch-

er, wears his hair long like Buzzalo

Bill's, Dagger Joe's, Bowie Pat's, and President Von der Ahe depies the story that he has signed Pete Browning for the Browns. Von der Ahe says he

also has two smokepipes, or one for has no use for Browning at his present If the Southern league clubs are con mencing to pay outfielders \$300 per month, the league is drifting into deep

feet; beam, 37 feet; draught, 14% feet; water. And this is one of the leagues that started out with a low salary limit. horse-power, 5,400; speed, 17 knots. An The grab for "stars" made the clubs incentive to reach a higher speed than bid against each other, and raise way over the limit. Manager Buckenberger, of Pitts-

burgh, has closed a deal with Jake Stenzel, of the Portland club of the Pacific league. Stenzel has been engaged as general utility man, as he can catch or play the infield or outfield positions. He is also recommended as a good bat-

Arthur Irwin has been deposed as manager of the Washington, and Danny Richardson, the captain and great second baseman, has been placed in full charge. There was a great deal of objection to Irwin's management of the club's affairs, and the managemen had to let him go in self-defense.

PUGILISTIC DOINGS.

Tom Wall, the English middleweight, is out with a challenge to meet any middleweight in England for \$1,000 Paddy McBride, of Pittsburgh, wants

to fight Van Heest, George Siddons, E. Pearce or anyone else of his class for \$1,000 and a purse. An effort is being made to bring Johnny Reagan and Pat Cahill, the ex-

finish fight before the Coney Island Athletic club. George Wright, the champion feather weight of Canada, and the only pugilist who ever got a decision over George Dixon, is anxious to arrange a match

with anyone weighing from 110 to 113 pounds. Fitzsimmons, the pugillst, has received a letter from New Zealand announcing the death of his brother, and informing the pugilist that his brother had left a will bequeathing him \$50,000, with a request that he give up the ring

forever. Police stopped the recent fight at Sar Francisco between Joe Goddard and Billy Smith, both of Australia, in the eighth round. Smith was receiving heavy punishment, but was resorting to dodging tactics to win the \$1,250 purse offered if he did so. The fight was declared a draw, although Smith was all but impocked out.

Bicycle Records for Sale Records are purchasable if the man who made this statement to the Chicago Evening Post knows whereof he speaks: 'Not long since we (he is in the trade) concluded that we would like to have the triplet record made at our race meet, and we entered into negotiations with an amateur team of riders of that form of machine to give us a performance. The price agreed upon was \$150. which was not dear, we thought. Refore we had completed arrangements with the \$150 people, however, another team pet in a bid to do the trick for \$75 worth of furniture, and we accepted their offer of course. This naturally made the first team sore, so they went to the managers of the Baltimore tracks and offered to break the record our \$75 team had made for \$100 cash, but some way or another the deal fell through.

dead earnest.-Pittsburgh Chroniale.

He Is Dead Now. Mrs. Spaggs-Here's an account of a man who committed suicide by taking arsenic, cutting several arteries and then hanging himself. What do you think of that? Sungge-I think he must have been in

In One Round. Watts-Does your wife go in for athletics any? Young Mr. Fitts-Does she? You

ought to see how she can knock out my month's salary .- Indianapolis Journal. Anarchism Is Insanity.

A learned physician of Paris takes the position that anarchism and communism are a species of insonity. The leaders of extreme social revolution, he says, have been affected largely by insanity, often taking a homicidal form. This was shown in the case of the Paris commune of 1871. Among the communists no less than 1,700 persons were found to be insane, and had to be sent to the hospital for over a year. And among the leaders in that outburst four were discovered upon examination to be hereditary lunation, and four others had previously been under treat-

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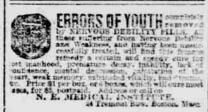
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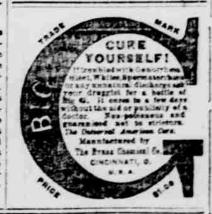
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-One of the bridesmalds of an American girl married in London recently gave a forget-me-not luncheon in honor of the prospective bride. Forget-menots were arranged in the shape of hearts and true lovers' knots upon the

table, and all the decorations were in the color of the blue flowers. Each guest was provided with a cluster of the blossoms to wear. Forget-me-nots were the principal flowers at the wedding, and the bride presented to her bridesmaids pins in the form of the flower in blue enamel with a diamond dewaron slistening in the center.

A Volcanic Legand.

Chimborazo, the "Pride of the Andes, at one time thought to be the highest mountain peak in the world, is now reckoned as being only 21,454 feet above sea level, which is certainly enough to give it an air of majesty if not of mystery. But the natives of that region have a rious belief-a legend which tells " in that "Chimbo" was once a full wife higher than he is at the present time. When Pizzero invaded the "land of the Incas," Chimborazo reared his majestic head between 25,000 and 80,000 feet into the rariffed atmosphere, but that invader's crowning piece of infamy, the strangling of the last of the Incas, brought down the wrath of the gods, who rent the giant peak from center to circumference, throwing down great masses of stones and reducing its height by about one-fifth. At the same time the apex of the mountain, the former resting place of "the Inca's Head," was cursed, and until this day no man has ever renched within \$,000 feet of its summit. "The Inca's Houd" is a massive piece of granfte lying on one side of the peak. Tradition says it once formed the apex.

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